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## **State Tax Commissioner post opens**

Utah State Tax Commissioner Marc B. Johnson will retire from his post at the end of the year after 12 years of dedicated service.

Commissioner Johnson, has completed three terms on the four-member Commission. After a new commissioner takes office, Mr. Johnson will remain with the Office of the Tax Commission until his retirement.

The Tax Commission administers and supervises the tax laws of Utah and also rules on appealed tax matters.

In addition to his day-to-day responsibilities of hearing and ruling on a wide range of tax cases, Commissioner Johnson was instrumental in the revision and re-writing of the administrative rule that addresses the valuation of centrally assessed properties such as mines, railroads, utilities and telecommunications.

Commissioner Johnson also supervised the Economic and Statistical unit and the issuance of Private Letter Rulings. He is an acknowledged authority in valuation of centrally assessed and large commercial properties.

"Marc is a recognized expert in Utah tax laws. He has worked tirelessly over the years to ensure that those laws are fairly administered. His expertise, dedication and commitment to the public will be sorely missed," said Tax Commission Chair R. Bruce Johnson.

Gov. Gary R. Herbert added, "Marc Johnson has done an excellent job in this capacity and I appreciate his years of dedicated service."

The State Constitution requires that no more than two people from the same political party serve as Commissioners. Commissioner Marc Johnson is not affiliated with a political party.

Governor Herbert will appoint a new commissioner. The appointment must be confirmed by the Utah State Senate.

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